



FACT SHEET

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Free and Secure Trade Program (FAST)

The Free and Secure Trade program, or FAST, is a commercial clearance program for known low-risk shipments entering the U.S. from Canada and Mexico. Initiated after 9/11, this innovative trusted traveler/trusted shipper program allows expedited processing for commercial carriers who have completed background checks and fulfill certain eligibility requirements.

More than 75,000 commercial drivers are enrolled in the FAST program nationwide. FAST enrollment is open to truck drivers from the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.



FAST vehicle lanes process cargo at land border ports of entry that serve commercial cargo on both the northern and southern land border. The majority of dedicated FAST lanes are located at northern border ports in Michigan, New York and Washington state and at southern border ports from California to Texas.

Participation in FAST requires that every link in the supply chain, from manufacturer to carrier to

driver to importer, is validated under the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism program, or CTPAT.

CTPAT is a voluntary government-private sector partnership that establishes clear supply chain security criteria for members to meet and in return provides incentives and benefits, like expedited processing.

CBP routinely conducts onsite visits to domestic and foreign CTPAT member facilities to evaluate and validate their supply chain security measures. More than 11,000 companies worldwide are certified CTPAT members. Applications for CTPAT certification can be filed online at CBP.gov.

Applications for FAST can be completed and submitted at the following Trusted Traveler Programs website: TTP.DHS.gov.

The cost to apply for FAST membership is \$50 U.S. or Canadian for five years.

Among the key benefits of FAST enrollment are:

- Access to dedicated lanes for greater speed and efficiency in processing transborder shipments;
- Reduced number of inspections, resulting in reduced delays at the border;
- Priority, front-of-the-line processing for CBP inspections; and,
- Enhanced supply chain security while promoting the economic prosperity of the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. ■

